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# **GWII Implementation Military Exposure Research Innovation Center (MERIC)**

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# GW I IMPLEMENTATION MERIC

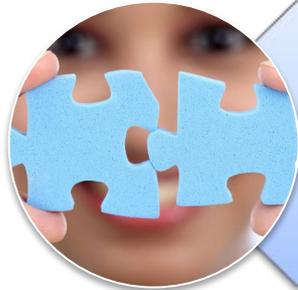
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# EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES FOR GWI EXIST



VA/DoD Clinical  
Practice Guideline CMI



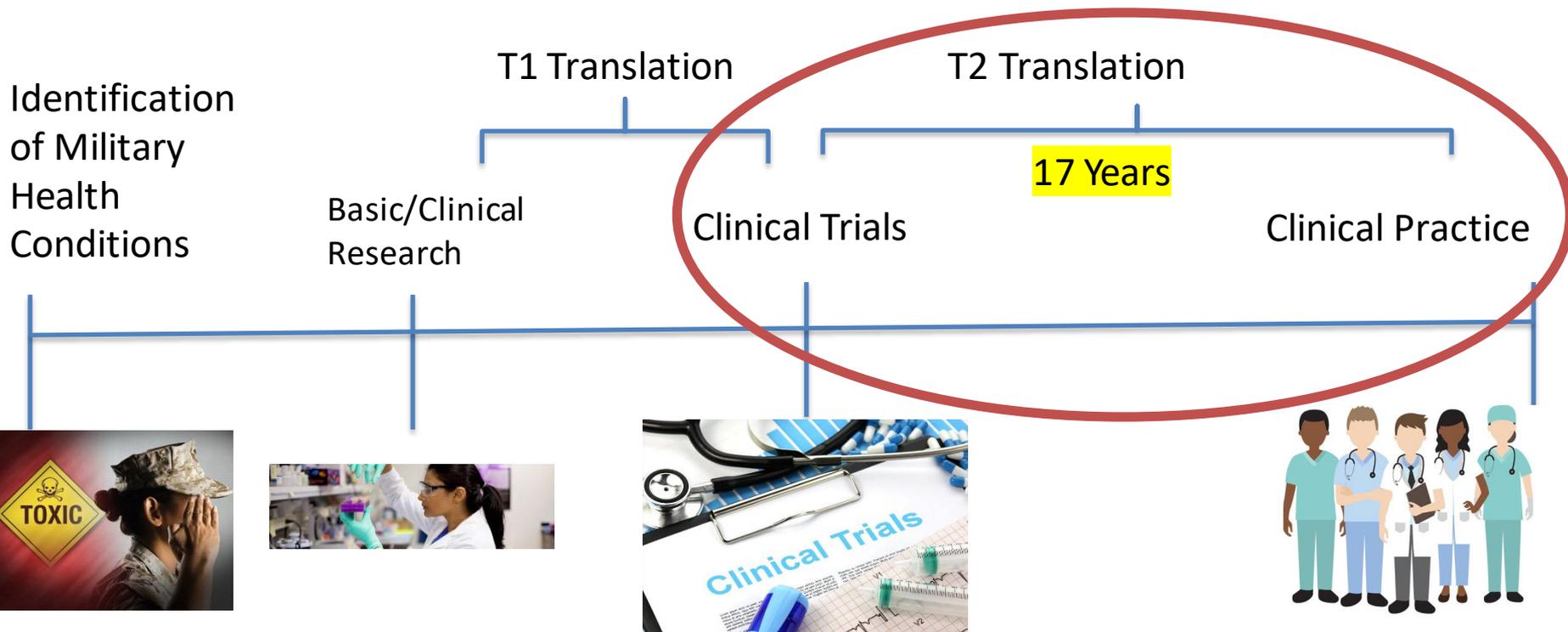
Problem-Solving  
Treatment



Low Glutamate Diet



# DEVELOP A ROADMAP TO RAPIDLY IMPLEMENT EBPS





# CURRENT CARE FOR GWI

## Veteran-Centered, Team-Based, Integrated and Whole Health Oriented Care for Gulf War Veterans with CMI

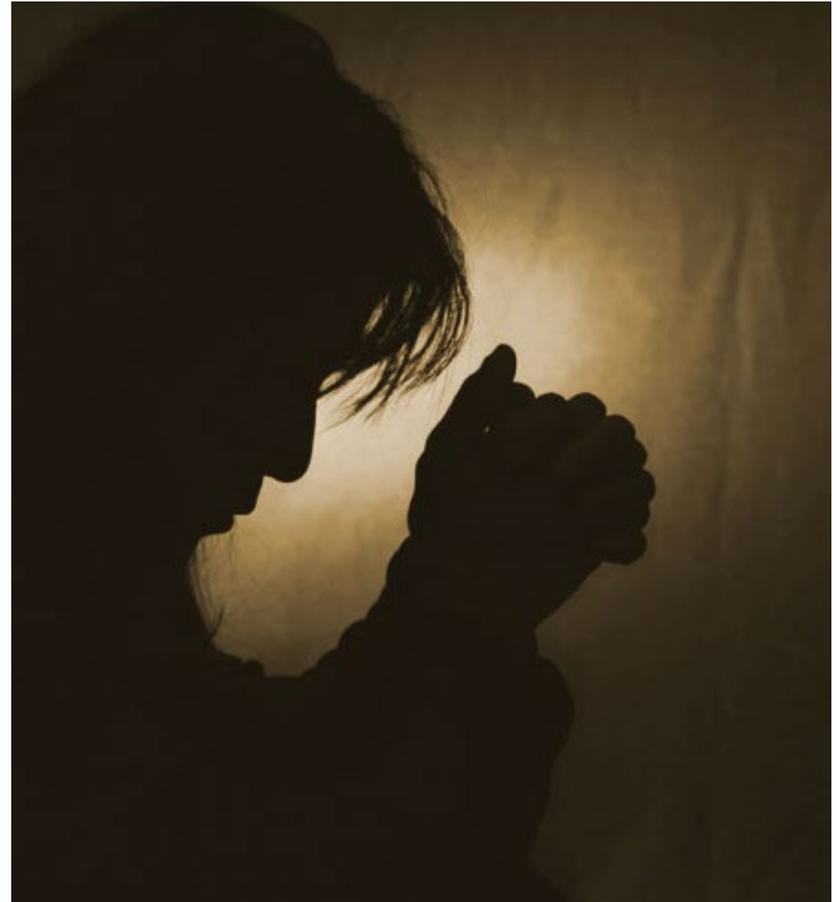


Guided by the VA/DoD CMI Clinical Practice Guideline

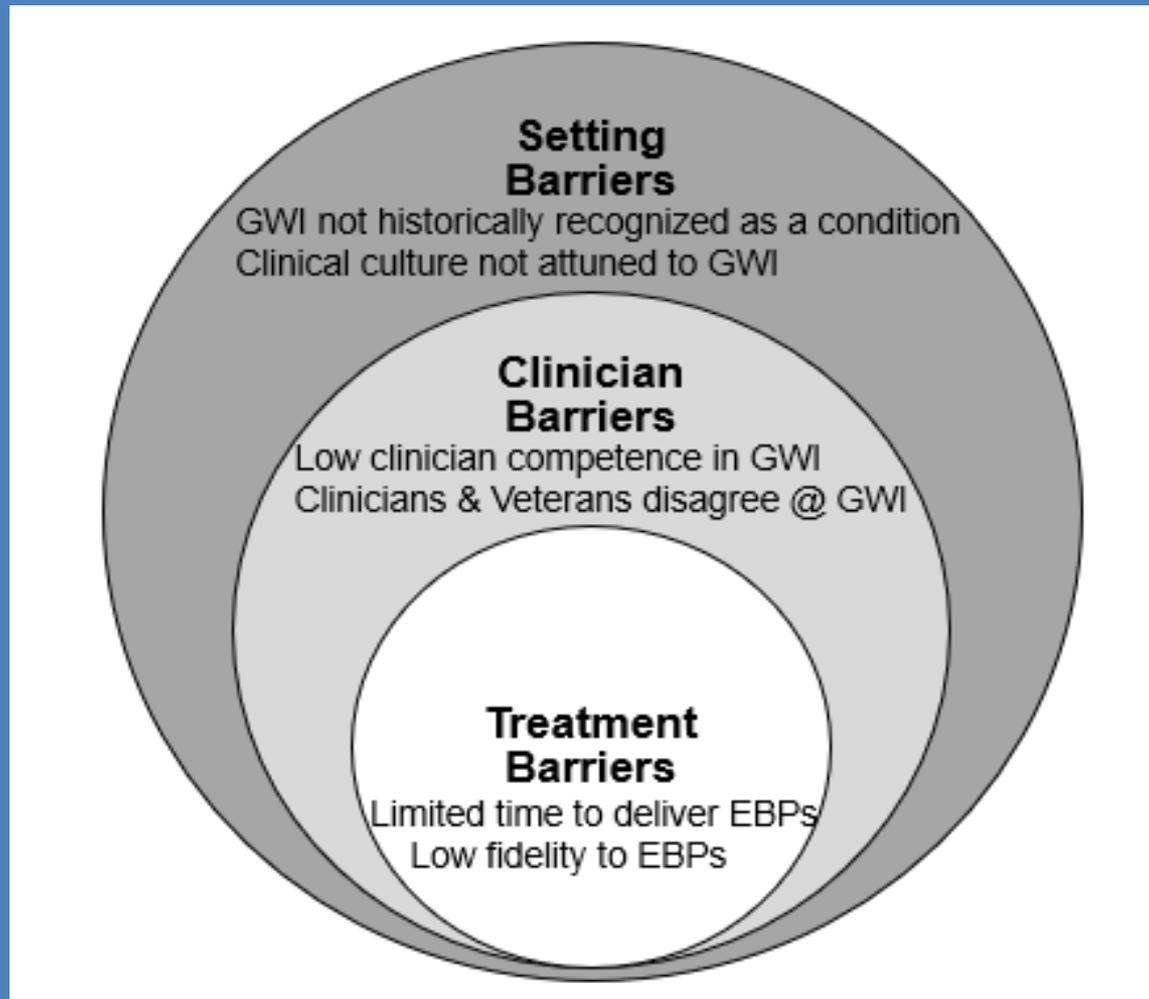


# GWVS RECEIVE INADEQUATE CARE

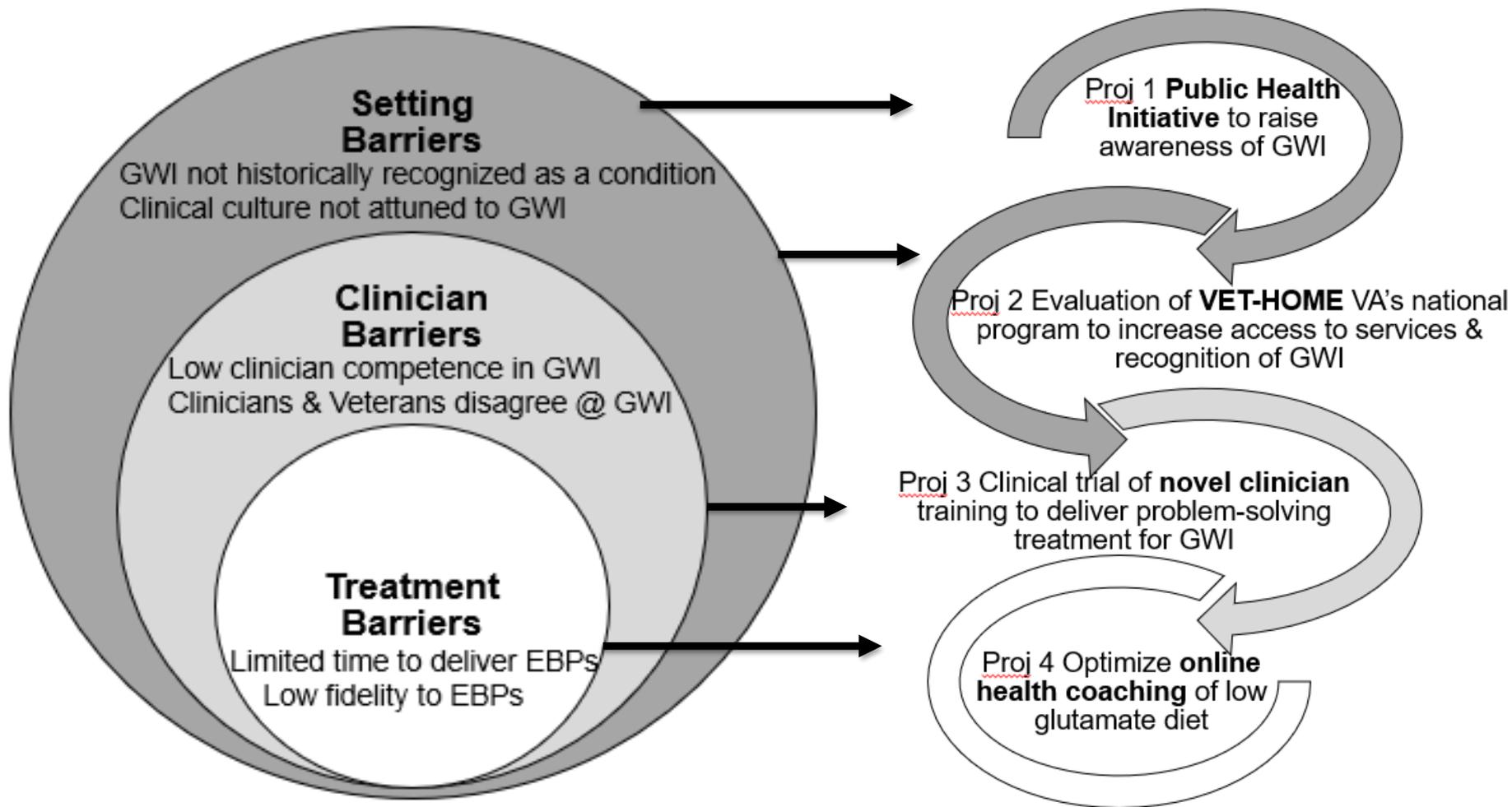
- Most GWVs with GWI not satisfied with care
- GWVs receive double the healthcare
- 70% do not have GWI or CMI recognized in medical record
- 70% do not receive EBPs

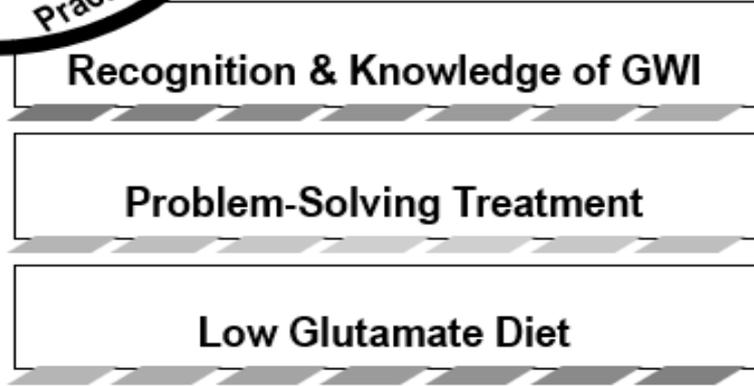
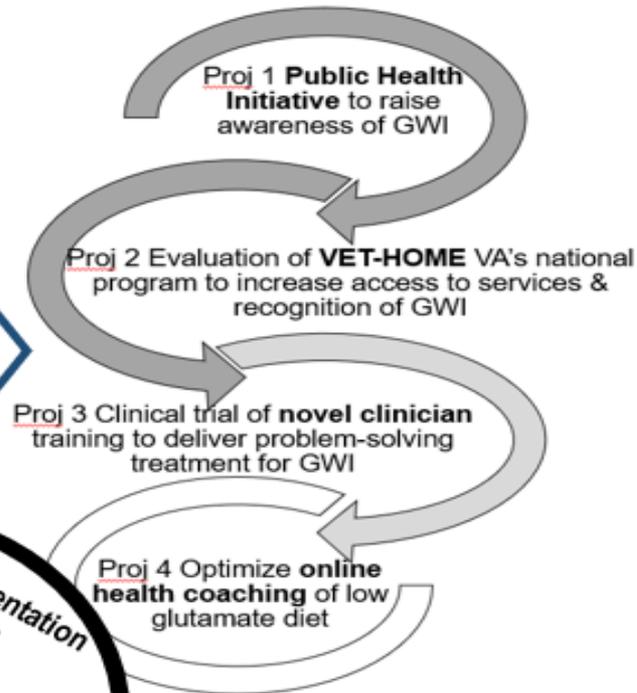
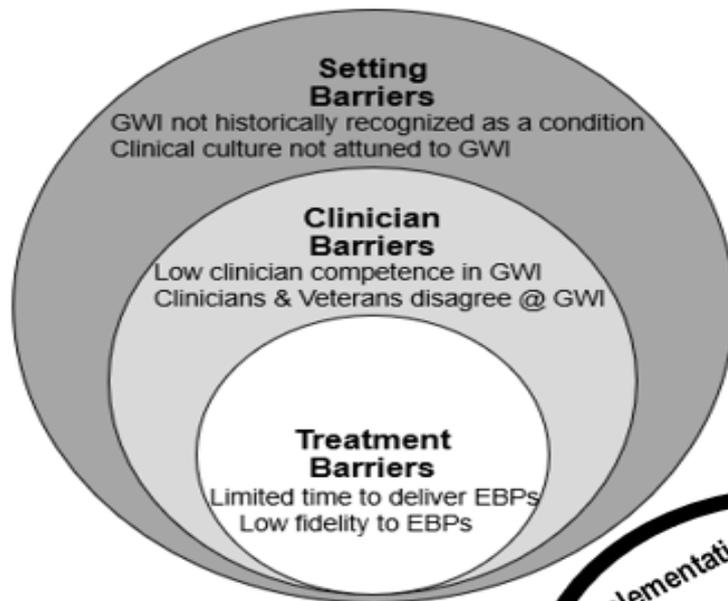


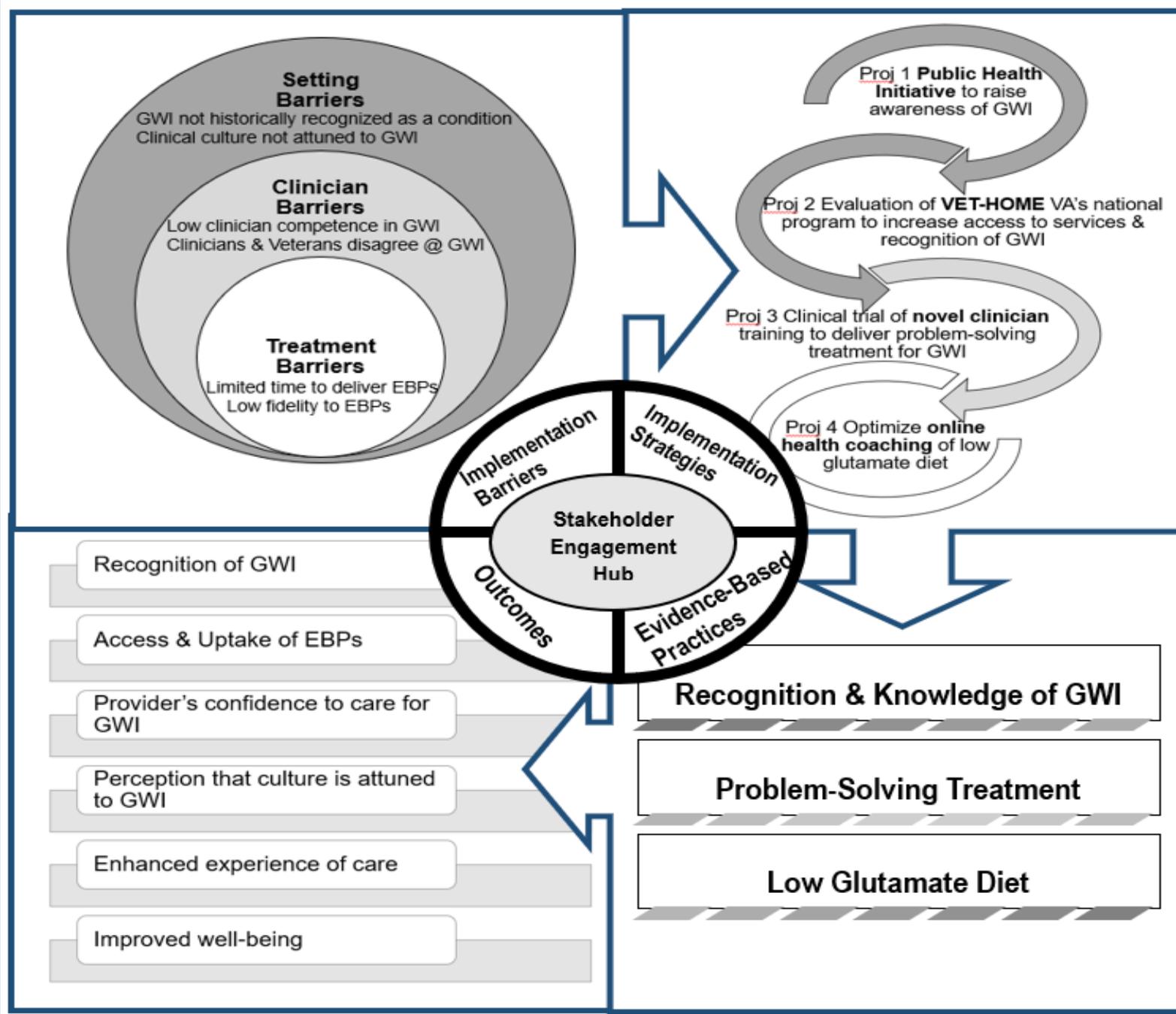
# BARRIERS AT MULTIPLE LEVELS



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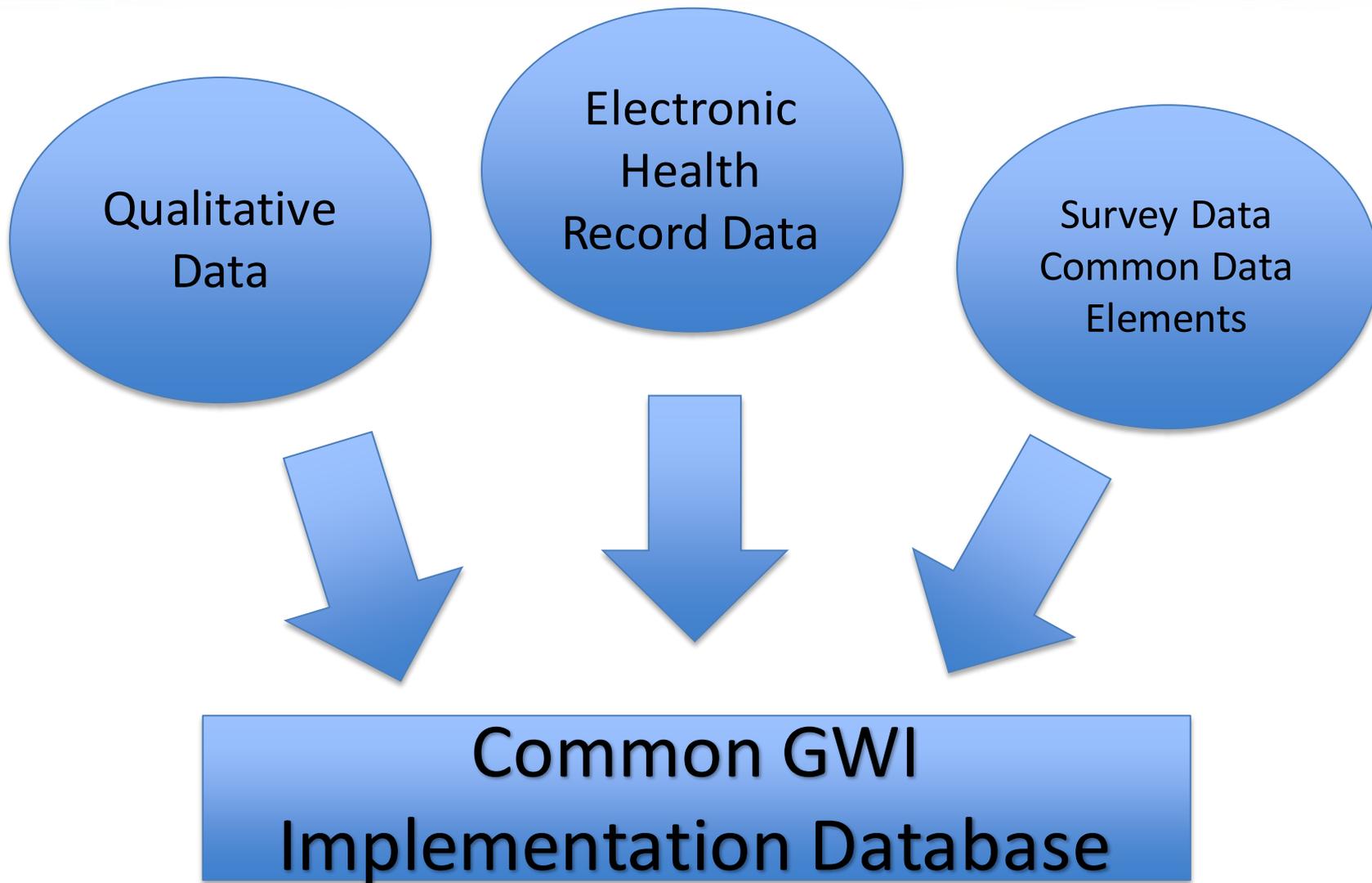








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The Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses was created by Congress in 1998, and first appointed by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi in January 2002.

According to its charter, the guiding principle for the work of the Committee shall be the premise that the fundamental goal of Gulf War-related government research is to improve the health of ill Gulf War Veterans.

#### Mission

The Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, plans, and strategies related to understanding and treating the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990 - 1991 Gulf War.

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